

# CARING COMMUNITY NETWORK OF THE TWIN RIVERS GREATER FRANKLIN-BRISTOL CERT/MRC



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

[ANNOUNCING THE  
NEW TRAINING CAL-  
ENDAR FOR 2011,  
find it on our web-  
site at](#)

[www.gfbcertmrc.com](http://www.gfbcertmrc.com)

December 11th, the 3rd  
Annual  
CERT/MRC  
Christmas  
party.



~Join us Janu-  
ary 5th for :Sheltering  
and your role

January 12th will be an  
MRC orientation open  
to all new members

-January 25th join us  
for part one of CERT  
and Animals  
sheltering

To register or for more  
information  
please contact  
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## THE GREATER FRANKLIN-BRISTOL MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

On October 6th the Greater Franklin-Bristol MRC unit along with the Greater Plymouth MRC unit hosted a joint orientation session for new members. This session allows new members an opportunity to learn more about the history and goals of the Medical Reserve Corps, as well as, how the units function on a local level. Thanks to Curtis Metzger, State of NH Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator for attending this session and welcoming new members. For more information on the MRC or to find the next orientation session, please visit our web-site: [www.gfbcertmrc.com](http://www.gfbcertmrc.com)



## REGIONAL TRAINING UPDATES

On October 20th Tom Andross, Director of Communications for Grafton County Sheriff's Department shared a presentation with CERT and MRC members on CODE RED. Code Red is a program used by Grafton county to alert community members in the event of an emergency. Graton County has also graciously agreed to use this system as a notification system for our CERT and MRC members. This system is extremely helpful to get word to our volunteers, as it allows us to generate one message that Graton county then sends to all volunteers who they have contact information for. The message the volunteers receive then provides them with information on which steps to take next.



# CERT NEWS

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**Acronym Alley**

Ever wonder what all of the acronyms mean? Here is the code to figure some out. Look for new ones each month:

**EMTALA:** Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act

**CHSI:** Community Health Status Indicators

**EAS:** Emergency Alert System

**IAP:** Incident Action Plan

**WMD:** Weapons of Mass Destruction

**FOG:** Field Operations Guide

**SOG:** Standard Operating Guidelines

**If you have an acronym you think would be of interest to folks please email**



Have you registered with the Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Care Professionals- ESAR-VHP. If not go to [www.icanhelp.NH.gov](http://www.icanhelp.NH.gov). It is a quick and easy way to register your credentials and it is a requirement for all GFB MRC members!

The CERT team prepares for the winter weather ahead. The team recently acquired new reflective jackets that will keep them warm in the elements. Thank you to Newfound Signs and Graphics for all your hard work lettering the jackets. They look great! Keep an eye out for the team — you won't be able to miss them!



## WHAT HAS CERT BEEN UP TO LATELY?

### THE CERT TEAM IS OFF TO THE RACES AGAIN!



On October 2, 2010 the Greater Franklin-Bristol Community Emergency Response (CERT) team assisted with traffic control at the NH Marathon. As this event has hundreds of participants, having volunteers to help the racers navigate the course and assist spectators is crucial. This request for assistance came from the Emergency Management Director of Bristol.



## TWO WAY RADIO COMMUNICATION TRAINING

On October 13, 2010 the CERT and MRC members had an opportunity to practice with the units two way radios. While many of our volunteers are familiar with the operation of two radios, for some this is a new piece of equipment. This training sessions allow our members to learn more about the components of the radios, as well as, some general radio etiquette. The evening ended in an exercise in which members broke up into teams to located objects that had previously been hidden just for them.



One component of the evening was an overview of the NATO alphabet. For those who can recite it from A-Z there will be a special prize!